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Alumni Reunion



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July 4, 1975

Taylor High School Alumni
Jeffersonville, Indiana 47130

Dear Alumni Members:

It is my pleasure to have the honor of attending the First Taylor High School Alumni Reunion in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

I congratulate the persons responsible for arranging this Reunion and bringing back to Jeffersonville many graduates of the School. It is great to get together to talk over old times some good and some bad, talk with friends about the changes in ourselves as well as the changes in others, and above all, talk about our City which has changed so much in the past few years.

It has taken the help of many of you who still live in Jeffersonville to bring these changes and for your help and assistanc I thank you very much.

To those of you who live away from here I want to say "WELCOME HOME AGAIN" and Best Wishes for a great Reunion.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Vissing

Richard L. Vissing
Mayor, City of Jeffersonville

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HISTORY OF TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL

The first school in Jeffersonville, Indiana for Negroes was established in the year of 1872 with Mr. J. H. Ballard as its principal. In the year of 1882, Mr. Ballard resigned and J, E. Porter succeeded him. During the year of 1882, the high school department was added. The first graduates of the Jeffersonville High school were Eliza F. Parks, Sarah Thelkins and R. F. Taylor.

Mr. R. F. Taylor and Miss Eliza Parks were elected teachers of the elementary department of the Jeffersonville Colored School immediately after their graduation in the year 1882.

In 1884, Mr. J. E. Porter resigned the principalship of the school and was succeeded by Mr. W. L. Gibson who in 1886 resigned and was succeeded by one of the school's first graduates, Mr. R. F. Taylor. He held the position until his death in the year of 1926. During the early years of Mr. Taylor's principalship, a new school building was erected in 1891 and this school still stands as a learning place for the colored children of Jeffersonville.

At the commencement exercises in the year 1924, Professor E. G. McCullum, superintendent of the Jeffersonville City School, realizing the long and efficient service rendered by Mr. R. F. Taylor to the educational development of the Colored people of Jeffersonville, suggested that the school be named in honor of him. immediately, a group of women headed by Mrs. J. O. Oglesby drew up a program for this occasion and at a great homecoming of its patrons a large number of its alumni from various sections of the country in the summer of 1924 named it Taylor High school.

Upon the death of Mr. Taylor, its principal for a period of forty years. Mr. T. C. Johnson became principal of the school and held the position until the winter of 1928 when he resigned to take a teaching position in Indianapolis. He was succeeded by Mr. Joseph Biggs.

Here Mr. Biggs held the principalship for thirteen years, until 1939 when he was succeeded by Mr. Corden Porter.



David L. White, Jr.

Born: Jeffersonville, Indiana
July 6, 1926

EDUCATION:

Taylor High School
Jeffersonville, Indiana
Graduate - 1944

University of Louisville
Sociology and Psychology
B.A. - 1951
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor

University of Louisville
M.S.S.W. - 1962
A.C.S.W. - 1967

MILITARY BACKGROUND:

U.S. Army, 1945-1947
Staff Sgt., Graduate of Non-Com. Officers' School
Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Overseas Service - Italy and Mediterranean - Honorable Discharge
Good Conduct Medal

FAMILY DATA:

Married to Charlotte A. White, L.P.N. Father of one child (David L. White, III)

CIVIC AND COMMUNITY:

Member of Wesley United Methodist Church
Jeffersonville, Indiana
Chairman of Building Committee
Chairman of Personnel Committee, Southern Indiana Conference Council on Ministries

Board Member
New Albany District Council on Ministries
United Methodist Church
New Albany, Indiana

Board Member
Southern Indiana Council on Ministries
Southern Indiana Conference
Bloomington, Indiana

Chairman of Personnel Committee, Southern Indiana Conference Council on Ministries
Bloomington, Indiana

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General Board of United Methodist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Board Member
Personnel Committee
Board of Discipleship
Nashville, Tennessee

Board Member
General Council on Ministries

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General Board of United Methodist Church
Dayton, Ohio

Member
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Novus Club

Associate Member
Indiana Sheriff's Association

Member
National Association of Social Workers

Member
Academy of Certified Social Workers

Member
Kentucky Welfare Association

Member
Fred Lasley #396 American Legion

SPECIAL HONORS:

First Chairman
Jeffersonville Human Rights Commission
Jeffersonville, Indiana 1965

Secretary
Indiana Advisory Committee
U.S. Civil Rights Commission 1966

Commissioned Kentucky Colonel 1966

Commodore of the Port Award
City of Jeffersonville, Indiana 1970

Special Gifted and Black Award
Plymouth Settlement House
Louisville, Kentucky 1971

SPECIAL HONORS:

Distinguished Citizens Award
City of Louisville, Kentucky

Special Award
Member of Board of Directors
Clark County Community Action
Agency 1971

Novus of the Year
Novus Club 1971

Member of Board of Directors
Special Appreciation Award
Southern Indiana Mental Health
and Guidance Center, Inc.
Jeffersonville, Indiana 1971

Distinguished Citizens Award
Jeffersonville Social Concerns
Civic League 1972

Man of the Month Award
Radio Station WLOU
Outstanding Community Service 1972

Personalities of the South Award
Annual Year Book 1972

Achievement, Excellent Service
Award
Jeffersonville Chapter NAACP 1973

Commissioned By the Governor
"Sagamore of The Wabash" 1973

Outstanding Citizen of the Month
Radio Station WXVW
Outstanding Community Service 1974

Citizen of the Day
Radio Station WLOU 1974

Who's Who In Black America
"Annual Year Book" 1975

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for Operations Services
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TAYLOR HIGH REUNION

JULY 1975

I have been the founder of two organizations in Jeffersonville that are very active: (1) Jeffersonville Social Concerns Civic League, and (2) The Novus Club. While reviewing my own achievements, tho they be few, and considering the many Taylor High Graduates that have achieved many great honors during these years, I felt we had something to be proud of as Graduates, also the black community of Jeffersonville should be equally proud.

Inview of this idea, I attempted to call those of us in the community together to find out the interests. The response was just tremendous and made me feel very good about working with everyone to have a reunion of all Taylor High Alumnus.

The additional concern that I had was in respect to the greatest educator in Indiana, being the late Professor Corden Porter, who shaped many of the young peoples lives in this community for professional positions. We have a scholarship fund in his name but I hope someday to see The Spring Hill School changed to "Corden Porter Elementary School." This will give the blacks in this community some recognition for services rendered.

The Spring Hill Playground should be named MARY RANEY Park in honor of one that set the stage for the first black play area in Jeffersonville.

The whole idea is to bring back to the community, former students, graduates, etc., to let our young people realize that even with the obstacles that we had in an all black school, we did achieve an education which has proven to be one of the best in the nation.

I shall always cherish Taylor High and the very fine faculty that helped me on my way "To You Old Taylor High".

David L. White, Jr.
Class of '44



JUDGE MARION WINSTON GARNETT was born February 18, 1919, in Jeffersonville, Indiana. He is married to Juanita O. Nogest, has two children, a son and a daughter.

Judge M. W. Garnett was graduated with honors from Taylor High School, Jeffersonville, Indiana. Subsequently, he attained the Bachelor of Philosphy Degree (Ph. B.) University of Chicago, 1947; and the Doctor of Law Degree (J.D.) University of Chicago, 1950.

Judge M. W. Garnett had been engaged in the active practice of general law in Chicago beginning March, 1950, having taken and passed the Illinois Bar Examination before graduation from Law School. He has never been suspended, reprimanded or admonished as to conduct. He has appeared in nearly every Division of the Illinois Courts.

Judge M. W. Garnett was admitted to the Supreme Court of Illinois, June 9, 1950; Federal District Court (N. D., ILL. E. D.), August 13, 1954; Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, November 7, 1967; and the Supreme Court of the United States, November 8, 1965. He is a member of the Cook County Bar Association, the National Bar Association and the Judicial Council thereof.

Judge M. W. Garnett was recognized as an expert in the field of Civil Rights in Industry under Title VII, Civil Rights Act of 1964. He was chief counsel in Bowe, Et. al., vs. Colgate, Et. al., 416 F 2nd 711 (7th Cir. 1969), considered a landmark case. He has successfully appeared as Appellate and Trial Counsel in many other leading cases. He has appeared on the faculty of the Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, at its National Labor Law Institute; and, also as a panel member on other Seminars concerning the impact of Title VII on State Laws and Industry. He has supplied the written material for these courses, which have been published in connection therewith.

During his years of practice, Judge M. W. Garnett handled innumerable contested jury and non-jury cases. He appeared in numerous appeals before the Supreme Court of Illinois and the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Judge M. W. Garnett served as a Special Assistant Attorney General, handling condemnation matters; he also served as Guardian Ad Litem (County Division).

A member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity (500 Chapters, more than 50,000 intiates), he is presently the Grand Basileus (National President), elected August, 1973, re-elected December of 1974 and presides over the Supreme Council (Board of Directors).
He has been a Supreme Council member for the past 12 years, as First Vice Grand Basileus and also as Grand Counselor, after serving as National Chairman of several standing committees.

After making the requisite application, Judge M. W. Garnett was duly screened by the Chicago Bar Association and found qualified for the judiciary. Thereafter, having been selected by the Judge's Committee, as one of 26 candidates to fill 13 vacancies, he was elected an Associate Judge of the Circuit Court on March 12, 1974. He was duly inducted into such judgeship on April 1, 1974 and is presently serving in the First Municipal Division.



MRS. CARROLINE B. WELLS

Mrs. Carroline B. Wells is one of the oldest P.T.A. member living of Taylor High School. She served on the Welfare Committee of the P.T.A. This committee went to the township trustee and secured books and clothes for needy school children.

Mrs. Wells is a graduate of Career Nursing School in N.Y. City. She is a fine Cateress, she does it for money and pleasure.

Mrs. Wells served the program as committee chairman for working girls at Carver Com. Center, White Plains, N.Y.

Mrs. Wells is Past District Grand Most Noble Governor of Ind. of the Household of Ruth Lodge. Mrs. Wells is also one of the trustees of the local lodge.

Mrs. Carroline B. Wells is a member of the Gilt Edge Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Ind. At present Mrs. Wells is Site Director at the Gilt Edge Baptist Church for Title VII Nutrition Program.

Mrs. Wells has received awards from the N.A.A.C.P. and the West Chester Sympathy Orchestra. When Mrs. Wells is not busy with her job, or working with the Freedom Fund of the N.A.A.C.P. she is at home with her daughter, Mrs. Katie Wells Lawson, and brother, Mr. John Bowyer.

Mrs. Wells attended Addison College in Kentucky and taught school in the mountains of Kentucky. Mrs. Wells studied Nutrition during the World War II in Muncie, Ind. and also taught Nutrition.

Mrs. Wells studied Civil Defense in White Plains, N.Y. and received a certificate from the mayor of that City. Mrs. Wells holds a Certificate in Recreation, Arts, Crafts and Management from the N. Recreation Assoc.



MR. JESSE BOWYER



MRS. EDNA BOWYER

Mr. Jesse Bowyer went to work at Taylor High School, November 1, 1946. He is the only employee of Taylor High School who is still in the building. Mr. Bowyer received an award from Greater Clark School System in 1971 for 25 years of service to Education. He also received a reward from First Christian Church, Jeffersonville, Ind. for 25 years of devoted service in 1972. Mr. Bowyer is a member of Trinity Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, Ind. When Mr. Bowyer is not at the Old Taylor Building he is at home with Edna, and his six children and grand children who are just as close as his telephone.

PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 4

Registration	9:00 a.m.	
Paddle Boat Race	2:00 p.m.	Lake Marriott
Whist Tournament	2:00 p.m.	
Banquet	6:30 p.m.	Ball Room

SATURDAY, JULY 5

Tennis Tournament	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Marriott Courts
Golf Tournament	6:45 a.m.	Shawnee Course
Luncheon - Style Show	12 noon	Poolside
Bowling Tournament	4:00 p.m.	Youngs Town Lanes
Grand Ball	10 p.m. - 2 a.m.	Poolside

SUNDAY, JULY 6

Breakfast and Election of Officers	9:00 a.m.

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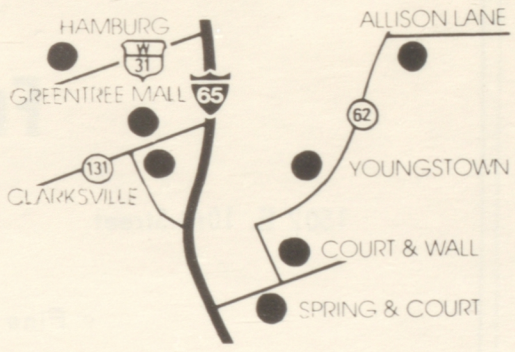
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I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still:
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth—
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To grace our days and light our paths
whenever we may go.

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